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Trace Reply on Dr. Ing. Vladislav BRDLIK

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1. The following material concerning Dr. Vladislav BRDLIK has been extracted from Headquarters' files and is suitable for passing to UPSWING at MOB/LD's discretion.

Subject was born 26 July 1879 at Litvovice. He studied at the Polytechnical University at Prague where he took his doctorate. He spent five years in study in Germany, Holland, England and the United States, eight months on a trip around the world. He then worked as an assistant to Professor WATERSTRAIT at the Faculty of Agricultural Economics in Breslau. In 1912 he became a professor extraordinary and in 1919 a professor ordinary of Agricultural Economics, Taxation, and Accountancy at the Polytechnical University, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, Prague. In 1910 he founded a scientific review called the Agricultural Archives (Zemelsky Archiv) which he edited until 1943 when it was stopped by the Germans. In 1912 he founded the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Accountancy in the Ministry of Agriculture which he directed until May 1945 when dismissed by the Communist Minister of Agriculture BUREK. In 1920-21 Subject was Minister of Agriculture and in 1921 was also responsible for the Food Ministry. Subject served two terms as Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Polytechnical University and in 1925 was elected Rector of the University of Prague. From 1925 to 1933 Subject was vice-governor of the Czechoslovak National Bank and from 1933 to 1939 he was a member of Parliament for the Agrarian Party. Between 1920 and 1939 Subject played a leading role in various learned societies in Czechoslovakia. In the International sphere, Subject was a member of the Scientific Council of the International Agricultural Institute in Rome and frequently the official Czechoslovak representative in international agricultural congresses. He has published fifty books and monographs and about 300 articles in the Czech, German, English and French languages. After the Communist coup in February 1948 Subject was immediately dismissed as professor in the Polytechnical University. It was remembered by the Communists that Subject was a member of the Czechoslovak Cabinet in 1920-21 which took very direct action against Communist ambitions. Subject and wife fled to AMERSON on 6 August 1948. At the Ludwigsburg Camp Subject founded the refugee Massaryk University for Czechoslovak Students in Exile of which he was president. In 1950, BRDLIK emigrated to the United States and was residing at 12 Melwyn Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York.

2. ODENVY information (DO NOT DISCLOSE SOURCE) dated March 29, 1957, reflects the name of Dr. Vladislav BRDLIK, 1717 West Monroe, Phoenix, Arizona, who may be identical with Subject, as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia.

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